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DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.63)

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| Attorney Docket Number | 20021023-001A |
| First Named Inventor | URBANCIC, Michael |
| COMPLETE IF KNOWN | |
| Application Number | 60/421,967 |
| Filing Date | 10/29/2002 |
| Art Unit | |
| Examiner Name | |

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

A METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE PERFORMANCE OF A DEHYDROGENATION CATALYST

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

is attached hereto

OR

was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) 10/29/2002 as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number 60/421,967 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR: A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor

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| Given Name Michael A. (first and middle [if any]) | Family Name or Surname Urbancic |
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| Inventor's Signature <i>Michael A. Urbancic</i> | Date 30 April 2003 |
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NAME OF SECOND INVENTOR: A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor

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| Given Name Michael W. (first and middle [if any]) | Family Name or Surname Balakos |
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| Inventor's Signature <i>Michael W.</i> | Date 4/30/03 |
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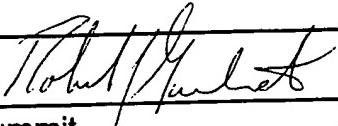
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DECLARATION**ADDITIONAL INVENTOR(S)**
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| Inventor's Signature | Date 5/14/03 | | |
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| Summit City | New Jersey State | 07901 ZIP | USA Country |
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| Robert J. Given Name  | | Brummer Family Name or Surname | |
| Inventor's Signature | Date 5/14/03 | | |
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)Applicant/Patent Owner: Sud-Chemie Inc.

Application No./Patent No.: _____ Filed/Issue Date: _____

Entitled: A METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE PERFORMANCE OF A DEHYDROGENATION CATALYSTSud-Chemie Inc., a Delaware Corporation
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or2. an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest.The extent (by percentage) of its ownership interest is _____ %
in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

October 28, 2003

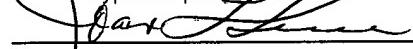
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Joan L. Simunic

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Signature

Corporate Counsel

Title

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| First Named Inventor | URBANCIC, Michael A. |
| Title | A METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE ... |
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| Attorney Docket Number | 20031009-003 |

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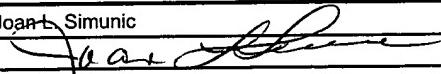
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Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)**SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record**

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| Name | Joan L. Simunic  | | |
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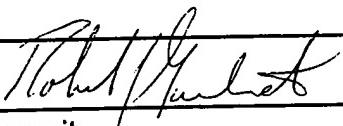
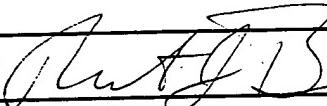
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ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION
AND OF LETTERS PATENT

Whereas, we, the **Inventors**, Michael Urbancic, whose post office address is 3228 Broeck Point Circle, Louisville, Kentucky 40241, and Michael W. Balakos, whose post office address is 4010 Sheehan Drive, Buckner, Kentucky 40010, and Robert J. Gartside, whose post office address is 167 Colonial Road, Summit, New Jersey 07901, and Robert J. Brummer, whose post office address is 5 Evergreen Avenue, Wharton, New Jersey 07885, have invented certain improvements in **METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE PERFORMANCE OF A DEHYDROGENATION CATALYST ("Invention")**, and have executed a provisional application for United States Letters Patent of the same title filed herewith "**Application**"); and

Whereas, **Assignee**, **Sud-Chemie Inc.**, of Louisville, Kentucky, a(n) Delaware corporation whose post office address is 1600 West Hill Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40210 (including its successors and assigns), desires to acquire our entire right, title and interest in said **Application and Invention**, and any United States and foreign patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said **Assignee**, the entire right, title and interest in said **Application and the Invention** disclosed therein for the United States of America and all countries foreign thereto, including rights of priority under the International Convention of Paris (1883) as amended and the entire right, title, and interest in and to any and all patent applications, patents, continuations, continuations-in-part, divisionals, and reissues based thereon which may be filed or granted therefor in the United States or any foreign country. We also agree that **Assignee**, may apply for foreign Letters Patent on the **Invention**, and we agree to

cooperate with **Assignee**, and to execute without additional consideration any additional documents as deemed necessary by **Assignee**, to apply for or maintain patents or other legal protection for the **Invention** in any country of the world.

We hereby authorize and request the U.S. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth in this **Application** to said **Assignee**.

Michael Urbancic
Michael Urbancic

Executed this 19th day of May, 2003 at Louisville, Kentucky

STATE OF KY)
COUNTY OF Jefferson) SS:
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Before me personally appeared Michael Urbancic, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed this 19th day of May, 2003.

My Commission expires: March 25, 2005

Clara L. Duncan
Notary Public

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Michael W. Balakos
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Robert J. Gartside

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COUNTY OF Essex)

Before me personally appeared Robert J. Gartside, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed this 14th day of May, 2003.

My Commission expires: June 19, 2006

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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 19, 2006

Robert J. Brummer

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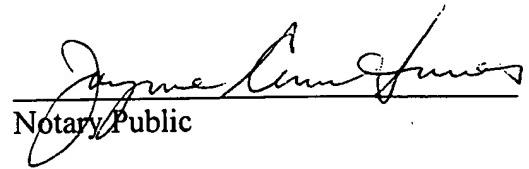
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